

**Topical Heading**

# Rehabilitation

**Program Title**

# Assistive Technology

**Also Known as**

AT State Grants, National Activities, Alternative Financing Program (AFP), AFP Technical Assistance

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.224A; 84.224B; 84.224C

**Administering Office**

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

- For Assistive Technology State Grant Program (# 84.224A), the governor designates a lead agency in each state.
- For National Activities (# 84.224B), public or private entities, including for-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education (IHEs) with relevant expertise may apply.
- For Alternative Financing Program (# 84.224C), states and outlying areas (Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands) that have received grants under the Assistive Technology State Grant program may apply.

**Current Competitions**

FY 2006 application deadline for *Assistive Technology Act* Data Collection and Reporting Assistance (# 84.224B-1) expected: May 2006. FY 2006 funds also support several additional awards from the Alternative Financing Program 2005 competition.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Formula Grants, Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Contracts, Cooperative Agreements

**Type of Assistance (specifically)**

# 84.224A— Formula grants

# 84.224B—Discretionary/competitive grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements

# 84.224C—Discretionary/competitive grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2004      \$21,522,268

Fiscal Year 2005      \$25,374,606

Fiscal Year 2006      \$26,111,250

Note: The FY 2006 appropriation includes funds for three programs: # 84.224A (\$21,336,480), # 84.224B (\$1,052,370), and # 84.224C (\$3,722,400).

**Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated:

Assistive Technology State Grant Program (# 84.224A)—56

Assistive Technology National Activities (# 84.224B)—1

Alternative Financing Program (# 84.224C)—4

Number of Continuation Awards: Assistive Technology National Activities (# 84.224B)—2

Average Continuation Award: Assistive Technology National Activities (# 84.224B)—\$740,000

**Legislative Citation**

*Assistive Technology Act of 1998*, as amended; 29 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*

**Program Regulations**

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**Program Description**

The Assistive Technology State Grant Program (# 84.224A) supports state efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive, statewide programs that are consumer responsive. The Assistive Technology State Grant Program makes assistive technology devices and services more available and accessible to individuals with disabilities and their families. The program provides one grant to each of the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the outlying areas.

The National Activities program (# 84.224B) provides information and technical assistance through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements on a competitive basis, to individuals, service providers, states, protection and advocacy entities and others to support and improve the implementation of the *Assistive Technology Act*.

The Alternative Financing Program (# 84.224C) provides grants for states to establish, enhance or maintain loan programs for individuals with disabilities to purchase needed assistive technology devices and services.

**Education Level (specifically)**

All ages

**Subject Index**

Assistive Devices (for Disabled), Disabilities, Technology

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**Links to Related Web Sites**

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/index.html>

<http://www.assistivetech.net>